

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE CONTROL AND DISTRIBUTION OF  
VALUE BEARING ITEMS IN A PC POSTAGE SYSTEM  
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method for the control and distribution  
5 of expiring free postage in a PC postage system is  
disclosed. According to the invention, a predetermined  
portion of the expiring free postage is transferred to a  
postage meter and the remainder of the expiring free  
postage is stored in a free postage account that may be  
10 reset upon expiration of the free postage.